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SUBJ:CHILE'S FOOD SITUATION AND WORLD FOOD PROGRAM

1. SUMMARY: UNDP REPRESENTATIVE IN CHILE HAD PRELIMINARY CONVERSATIONS WITH GOC AUTHORITIES REGARDING FOOD SUPPLY SITUATION. MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE TOLD HIM THAT MOST CRITICAL PROBLEM IS WHEAT, WITH EXPECTED DEFICIT OF 400,000 MT THIS YEAR AND 1.3 MILLION MT IN 1974. MINISTER IS OPTIMISTIC ABOUT OUTCOME OF CONVERSATIONS HE BELIEVED WERE HELD IN WASHINGTON ON FOOD SHIPMENTS FROM US. UNDP REP TOLD US PROSPECTS NOT GOOD FOR SUBSTANTIAL FOOD SUPPLIES FROM WORLD FOOD PROGRAM. END SUMMARY

2. UNDP RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE ANSTEE AND ACTING REGIONAL DIRECTOR FAO TALKED WITH MILITARY JUNTA SEPT 17 REGARDING CHILE'S FOOD SITUATION. GOC AUTHORITIES CLAIM STOCKS OF BASIC FOOD ITEMS WERE ONLY SUFFICIENT FOR 2-3 DAYS. ADMIRAL MERINO SAID GOC MOST NEEDED WHEAT AND FLOUR. MISS ANSTEE TOLD JUNTA THAT WORLD FOOD PROGRAM WOULD BE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
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SEVERELY LIMITED IN WHAT IT COULD DO BECAUSE OF SITUATION IN BANGLADESH AND AFRICA, OFFERED THE GOOD OFFICES OF UNDP, AND

RECOMMENDED JUNTA CONCENTRATE ON OBTAINING FOOD ASSISTANCE FROM "FRIENDLY COUNTRIES." (COMMENT: MISS ANSTEE TOLD US THAT THIS WAS PRELIMINARY CONVERSATION WITH NO FORMAL REQUEST FOR UNDP ASSISTANCE FROM GOC. END COMMENT)

3. UN REPRESENTATIVES THEN HAD MEETING WITH MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE CRESPO. HE SAID GOC NEEDED WHEAT, WHEAT FLOUR, CORN, SUGAR, VEGETABLE OIL, RICE, AND DRIED MILK. HE CLAIMED THAT WHEAT DEFICIT BEFORE NEXT HARVEST (EARLY NEXT YEAR) IS 400,000 MT AND THAT 1974 DEFICIT WOULD BE APPROXIMATELY 1.3 MILLION MT. HE SAID CORN DEFICIT WAS OF SAME MAGNITUDES. HE ALSO STATED RICE DEFICIT FOR REMAINDER THIS YEAR IS 100,000 QUINTALES. MISS ANSTEE WILL MEET AGAIN WITH MINISTER AFTERNOON SEPT 18 TO OBTAIN MORE PRECISE ESTIMATES OF CHILEAN FOOD REQUIREMENTS.

4. MINISTER CRESPO TOLD MISS ANSTEE THAT CONVERSATIONS HAD STARTED IN WASHINGTON REGARDING FOOD SHIPMENTS FROM US. MINISTER SAID US IS VERY GENEROUS, ADDING "I AM INFORMED THAT THESE CONVERSATIONS HAVE EVERY CHANCE OF BEING SUCCESSFUL". (COMMENT: MISS ANSTEE TOLD US SHE HAS NO KNOWLEDGE OF ANY CONVERSATIONS. END COMMENT)

5. MISS ANSTEE TOLD US THAT "PROSPECTS NOT GOOD" FOR WORLD FOOD PROGRAM SUPPLYING SIGNIFICANT AMOUNTS OF FOOD HERE. SHE NOTED THAT THREE WFP PROJECTS IN CHILE ARE COMING TO AN END AND THAT THERE ARE VERY FEW FOOD STOCKS HERE. SHE SAID SHE HAS CABLED WFP HEAD-QUARTERS AND TELEPHONED UN HEADQUARTERS TO DETERMINE WHAT WFP CAN DO HERE. SHE HAS ALSO CABLED UN OFFICES IN BOENOS AIRES AND LIMA TO FIND OUT WHAT WFP FOOD STOCKS THEY HAVE ON HAND. DAVIS

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